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Applicant: Y. KAWAOKA Conf.: 6688

Applicant No.: 09/490,061 Group No.: 2172

Filed: January 24, 2000 Examiner: H. PHAM

For: IMAGE FILE APPARATUS AND METHOD

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 11, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An image file apparatus for reading out an image file that has been recorded on a first loadable and removable recording medium and recording this image file on a second loadable and removable recording medium, comprising:

an image file readout unit for reading out an image file that has been recorded on the first loadable and removable recording medium;

a file-name duplication discrimination unit for determining whether a file name of the image file that has been read out by said image file readout unit and a file name of



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LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORMAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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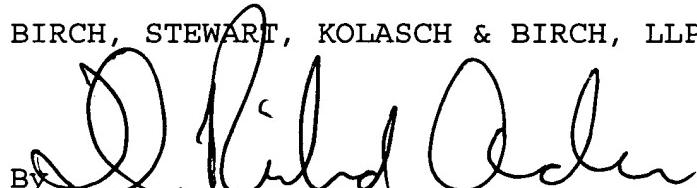
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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